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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are thirteen copies of page 43 of the testimony of Mr. Al Varner. Mr. Varner's testimony was filed on December 12, 1997, as part of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Filing. The original testimony on file with your office includes page 43. Apparently, however, page 43 stuck to the back of page 42 during the copying process and was not included in the copies. Copies of page 43 have been provided to all counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

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Yes. Although BellSouth does not generally offer to combine network elements, 1 A. there are certain combinations that BellSouth will provide in order to fulfill its 2 obligations under the Statement. For example, BellSouth offers common transport. 3 The only technically feasible method to offer common transport is to combine it 4 with the port. Consequently, BellSouth will combine the port and common transport. The table below identifies these exceptions and indicates those combined elements, applicable to Tennessee, for which order coordination is available.

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UNEs	Combine	Coordinate
Loop and Cross Connect	X	X
Port and Cross Connect	X	X
Port + Cross Connect + Common Transport	· X	X
Loop Distribution + NID	X	X
Port and Vertical Features	X	X
Loops with Loop Concentration	X	X
Port and Common Transport	X	X
Loops and Local Number Portability	N/A	X

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BellSouth has received requests from CLECs for additional network element combinations. BellSouth is evaluating the business viability and appropriateness of these requests to determine whether to provide these combinations, how they would be provided, and the price for combining the elements.

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HOW WILL BELLSOUTH ACCOMMODATE CLEC-COMBINED UNEs? Q.

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